

Twenty three year old Mamta's first pregnancy was smooth and she was expecting a normal delivery in the Chindwara District Headquarter Hospital, however Mamta and her child lost their life in the hospital on June 27, 2013.

Mamta's family had taken her pregnancy very seriously as this was her first pregnancy and had ensured that she was registered in the village Anganwadi. The ANM had also carried out the necessary blood, HIV, haemoglobin, etc. She also had undertaken an ultrasonography which indicated that everything was normal and her pregnancy was smooth. On the expected date Mamta along with her parents as well as in-laws went to the District Headquarter Hospital in the Janani Express ambulance. At 1.30 a.m. on July 25 she was admitted as there were no beds available, Mamta's family arranged a mattress for her so that she could lie down. The Medical Officer checked her and gave her an injection to induce labour pain and shared with the family that the delivery would take place tomorrow morning and the delivery would be normal.

The next day in the morning the Medical Officer on round was requested by the family to come and check Mamta. The Medical Officer on round checked her and gave her another injection. At around 3.p.m. the Medical Officer on round came and checked her and informed that the infant had passed stool in the womb and immediately took her to the labour room. At 4.30 p.m. Mamta delivered a baby and after 10 minutes the family was informed that the infant was dead. When the family looked at the body of the infant there was a wound on the head of the baby. The Medical Officer informed the family that Mamta was too pampered and did not make an effort to push the baby resulting in the loss of the child.

But soon after the family members noticed that Mamta's body had become pale and was slowly turning blue, the Medical Officer asked the family to arrange for blood as Mamta had lost a lot of blood. Mamta's brother-in-law offered his blood but as it did not match Mamta's the Medical Officer asked them to arrange it from outside. When they were arranging blood, and Mamta's family went in to sit with Mamta, they realised that Mamta was already dead. The Medical Officer explained to the family that this was quite common in these kinds of cases and declared Mamta dead.

Mamta was cared for throughout her pregnancy by her in-laws and her own family as this was her first child. And they still have not come to terms with the tragic death of Mamta. Mamta's brother-in-law has already initiated a complaint against the District Headquarter Hospital and would like the errant officials to be held accountable for Mamta's death.

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